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AMENDMENT "E"

Benzofurans as Suppressors of Neurodegeneration

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed December 18, 2002 (Paper No. 18), Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the claims in view of the amendment and remarks set forth below. A Petition for a Two-Month Extension of Time, an authorization to pay the 37 C.F.R. Sec. 1.17(a)(2) fee of \$410.00, and attached Appendices A (previously submitted IDS), B (copies of 14 references), C (two pages of structures) and D (a scheme) accompany this amendment.

AMENDMENT

In the Claims

Please cancel claims 1-3, 5 and 8-10.

Please substitute the following claims 14, 15 and 22 for the claims 14, 15 and 22 now pending in the above-identified application.